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A LOOK AT NEW YORK LIBRARIES

by Irving A. Verschoor, Director of Library Extension Division

With the recent issuance of our annual compilation of statistics of public and association libraries for 1955 and with the preparations for the annual meeting of the New York Library Association, it is an appropriate time to take a brief look at our public libraries, to review the important gains of the last year and to indicate possible future trends.

On January 3, 1956, approval was granted for the Wayne-Monroe-Livingston plan for a multi-county library service system. This, the second multi-county library system in New York State, has not only had the effect of bringing library service to 42,351 persons formerly unserved but also of demonstrating new techniques in public library service. The addition of this multi-county library service system brings the total population, exclusive of New York City, served by county and multi-county systems to 2,009,421 or 28.9 per cent of the upstate population of 6,938,235. The amount paid in State Aid to all systems was $2,322,417.19 which represents an increase of $106,256.90 over last year.

Of the 14,830,192 people in New York State, 9.8 per cent of the population have no legal entitlement to public library service. Increases in population alone do not account for this unserved percentage since most of the people unserved by public libraries in this State are in rural areas. Further development of county and multi-county systems is needed to reach these people.

Despite the presence of 876 registered public libraries and branches, there are only 3,680,332 registered borrowers or 24.8 per cent of the total population of the State. During the past year in the face of rising materiel and personnel costs, library holdings increased only 2.9 per cent and circulation of library materials presented an increase of 3.2 per cent. On the encouraging side, it can be reported that there are now 26 public libraries which own and circulate their own films and 101 libraries owning and circulating their own records. A not-so-encouraging fact that is revealed is that 75 libraries were having difficulty in keeping open the required number of hours and 80 library boards were not sufficiently interested to hold at least quarterly meetings.

One of the possible reasons that may be ascribed to the relatively low increase in holdings and circulation of our public libraries as compared to an increase nearly

twice as large for book and salary expenditures is the rising costs of personnel and materials. It is not always apparent to those not closely connected with libraries, but costs of library materials rise along with other commodities. Publishers' Weekly reported their estimates of typical retail prices of books which indicated over a year's time a 14 per cent increase in biography and a 4½ per cent increase in history books. The unit cost figures used by the Coordinating Committee on Revision of Public Library Standards of the American Library Association based on 1956 net costs are mentioned for the information of those who would convince their appropriative bodies that good public library service needs adequate financial support.

Current book titles	$2.45	average per volume
Adult nonfiction	2.80	
Adult fiction	2.20	
Juveniles	2.25	
Replacement of older titles	2.20	
Periodical titles	4.50	per annual subscription
Films	100.00	per item
L.P. Recordings	3.75	per record
Newspaper subscription	18.00	per year
Rebinding	1.65	per book
Binding	4.75	per magazine

It has been said that the development and the nature of public libraries is shaped by economic and geographical conditions. Where these conditions are adverse as indicated by the increasingly difficult task of our libraries in meeting new and expanded patron demands on static budgets, it should not be regarded as an excuse for failure to provide adequate public libraries but as a reason why increased support for public libraries is necessary. It is interesting to note that in the history of public libraries, people generally did not ask for public libraries because at first they had no idea of what a public library could mean or do. In other words, this is an instance when supply created demand. Today in our work we find that the requests for new libraries are coming from suburbanites who have enjoyed good public library service in their previous urban living.

During the past year it has become very apparent that personnel problems are second only to finances in our library world. The impression given in the annual statistical compilation of the number of vacancies in professional positions in the public libraries is not really indicative of the full range or magnitude of the personnel problem. There are 3,015 permanently certified public librarians on the roster in New York State — yet our statistics reveal our libraries need 132 Junior Librarians, and 54 Senior Librarians. A more serious view of the shortage from the point of view of future library development is that if the 46 counties now without county-wide service were to develop county systems, about 85 more professional librarians would be needed. A mere tabulation of vacancies is an oversimplification of the personnel situation. We are happy to be able to work on the attendant problems with the Personnel Administration Committee and the Recruiting Committee of NYLA and with the New York State Department of Civil Service. Through these agencies new problems in the

recruitment, training and classification of personnel are being explored as well as simplification in the examining and listing of candidates for library positions.

In reviewing library service in 1955, we must underscore the action taken at the annual meeting of the American Library Association in June, 1956, when a new body of standards for public libraries was approved. The dominant concept in these standards is that libraries working together, sharing their services and materials, can meet the full needs of their readers. This is a plan for library systems not built down from the state level but rather built up from the single reader and the local community. While these standards have not yet been officially adopted by the Regents as administrative standards, they represent an important springboard for all study and evaluation of library service.

No view of the future would be complete without mention of the Commissioner of Education's Committee on Public Library Service appointed by Dr. Allen on June 13, 1956, to analyze and to evaluate recent progress made and to make recommendations to continue the improvement and extension of library service to the people of New York State. This heartening step follows the recommendations made by the Governor's Committee in 1950, and is designed as a complete appraisal of the public library program in New York State. The major research of the Committee is expected to be completed by this time next year, but provision is being made for a continuing research program to study aspects of library service not included in the general research program. Among the projects of Dr. Allen's Committee is a consideration of the means by which the general public may be better informed of the work of the public library.

No happening better epitomizes the hard work of ten years or portends so much for the future as the signing by President Eisenhower of the Library Services Act on June 19, 1956. This act provides the sum of $7,500,000 for the purpose of the development of public library service to rural areas. Upon approval of a plan by the United States Office of Education, New York State will be eligible for $249,204 for a five-year period. Currently a plan is being considered by the Commissioner's Committee for presentation to the Regents. This plan is based upon the following objectives:

1. To promote the further extension of public library service to rural areas without such services or with inadequate services.

2. To promote cooperation among all types of libraries so that the total library resources of the State can be brought to bear upon the needs of the readers.

3. To establish library service systems on a self-governing basis leading to a self-supporting status under the provisions of New York Education Law 272-273 as soon as possible, working towards total coverage of the State by such systems.

Recent Books

A SELECTION

Suggested by Book Information Section
Florence Boochever, Editor — Laura E. McDowell

Recommendations: *of first interest; Y for young people; P for prisons; R for reformatories; H for mental hospitals.

Nonfiction

PH *Armstrong, E.E. Man and boy. Little. $3.75.
With complete honesty and no sentimentality, a bereaved publicity man tells of his efforts to bring up his infant son as they traveled about the country and of his wonderful discovery of what it means to be a parent. 649.1

YP Bamm, Peter, pseud. The invisible flag. Day. $3.95.
R A former German Army surgeon who served on the Russian front relates with sympathy and humor how he and the men of his medical unit cared for wounded friends and foes alike under the "invisible...flag of humanity." Maps. 940.54

YP *Beaton, C.W.H. I take great pleasure... Day. $3.50.
RH Discerning, anecdotal impressions of people and places seen by the noted British photographer-designer during his recent American lecture tour. Drawings by the author. 917.3

PH Burns, J.M. Roosevelt: the lion and the fox. Harcourt. $5.75.
The professor of political science at Williams College presents a thorough, informed political biography which is also an analysis of leadership in our American democracy. Photographs, cartoons. Note, bibliographies, index. B or 92
Franklin D. Roosevelt: the triumph, by F.B. Freidel (Little. $6. 973.91) continues the excellent study of F.D.R.'s career from his inauguration as New York State's Governor in 1929 to his election to the U.S. Presidency in 1932. Photographs.Bibliography, notes, index.

YP *Chamberlain, Samuel. The Berkshires. Hastings. $4.75.
RH Prefaced by a brief history, exquisite photogravures with descriptive captions depict the "down-to-earth charm" of a beautiful Massachusetts section. List of localities. 917.44

Chase, Stuart. Guides to straight thinking, with 13 common fallacies. Harper. $3.50.
Timely, lively analysis of frequent fallacies in reasoning from ancient times to the present, emphasizing illogical distortions and using stories and illustrations from many sources. Appendix, suggested list for further reading, index. 160

YP *Cooke, R.B., ed. Wake up the echoes; from the sports pages of the
RH New York Herald Tribune. Hanover. $3.50.
Splendid collection of finely written, "off-beat" prose and verse telling "a tale of Americans in sports, and sports among Americans." 796

YP *Donovan, R.J. Eisenhower: the inside story. Harper. $4.95.
RH Expertly written, pro-Eisenhower review of his first three years in office which, though based on hitherto inaccessible material, is dispassionate and incisive in its presentation of interviews and decisions and in its vignettes of people close to the President. Photographs. Index. 973.92
A Republican looks at his party, by Arthur Larson (Harper. $2.95. 329.6) is a clear-cut statement of principles as evidenced in the present administration. Index.
YP President Eisenhower's cartoon book, by National Cartoonists Society
RH (Fell. $2.95. B or 92) is a slim volume of drawings containing lively comments on the artists and their subject.

PR Fairbrother, Nan. Men and gardens. Knopf. $5.
H Delightful history of gardening in which quotations from authors of various periods show how the form and use of gardens have changed from medieval times to the present, especially in England. Photographs, drawings. Bibliography. 635.9

Fortune, eds. The executive life. Doubleday. $3.50.
Using real examples, this provocative, informing report describes the who, what and why of American big business. Tables. 658.31
YP How to make the most of your job, by S.E. Carr (Coward-McCann. $2.25.
RH 331) is a breezy, down-to-earth analysis of daily work, its values and the attitudes that make for progress.

Furnas, J.C. Goodbye to Uncle Tom. Sloane. $6.
Stimulating inquiry into the effect of Uncle Tom's cabin on the creation of a stereotype for the American Negro, which should be amended. Bibliography, index. 326.97

PR *Gorst, F.J. & Andrews, Beth. Od carriages and kings. Crowell. $4.
H At 75 an Englishman now living in America recollects his career from page boy to royal footman and the pomp of Edwardian days while revealing his loyalty to the many families he served. Glossary. B or 92

YP Harding, A.C. America rides the liners, as told by G.L. Eskew.
RH Coward-McCann. $6.
Informal, anecdotal history of American ships and shipping from the "Virginia", built in 1607, to the luxurious "United States", 1950. Photographs, drawings. Bibliography, index. 387.54

YP Harriman, Mrs. M.C. Blessed are the debonair. Rinehart. $3.50.
RH Wittily evokes the author's unusual childhood in the Hotel Algonquin, portraying her talented father, its proprietor, later years and the celebrated people she has known. Drawings by Vasiliu. B or 92

YP High, Stanley. Billy Graham; the personal story of the man, his
RH message, and his mission. McGraw-Hill. $3.95.

A well-known journalist who has made a "protracted study of the man and his ministry in America and abroad" objectively appraises the famous evangelist's appeal and phenomenal success in religious revials. Photographs. B or 92

YP *Hill, R.N. Window in the sea. Rinehart. $3.50.
RH Fascinating account of the establishment of the famous oceanarium, "Marineland," near St. Augustine, Fla. and its growth from a purely scientific project to a remarkable exhibit attracting some 700,000 visitors yearly. Photographs. 590.7

YP Jones, W.H.S. The Cape Horn breed. Criterion. $5.
R "Experiences as an apprentice in sail in the full-rigged ship 'British Isles'" (subtitle) 1905-09, graphically depicting the men and traditions of a bygone era. Maps, photographs. Glossary, index. 910.45
YP The last grain race, by Eric Newby (Houghton. $4. 910.45) is a young,
R city-bred Englishman's lively account of apprenticeship on a four-master carrying grain from Australia to Europe in 1938-39, detailing the hardships and fun shared with a foreign crew aboard the winning vessel. Maps, photographs. Appendixes.

YP Kramer, S.N. From the tablets of Sumer; twenty-five firsts in man's
RH recorded history. Falcon's Wing Press. $5.
Readable essays by the professor of Assyriology at the University of Pennsylvania, giving layman and scholar "a cross section of the spiritual and cultural achievements of one of man's earliest and most creative civilizations". Maps,photographs, drawings.Appendixes. 935.4

Lewis, Mrs. G.H. With love from Gracie; Sinclair Lewis:1912-1925. Harcourt. $5.75.
Using hitherto unpublished letters, the first wife of Main street's author sheds new light on his development as a writer. B or 92

*Lindbergh, Mrs. A.M. The unicorn, and other poems, 1935-1955. Pantheon. $2.75.
Love, death, captive spirit, the unicorn, open sky and wind of time are subjects of the exquisite poems in this collection. 811.5

YP Macdonald, M.E. The vitality of faith. Abingdon. $2.50.
RH Forthright, pointed sermons by the young minister of St. George's West Church, Edinburgh, showing how Christian ideals offer solutions to modern problems. 252
YP In Living can be exciting, by A.N. Meckel (Dutton. $3.50. 248),
RH the pastor of the First Congregational Church, St. Petersburg, Fla. provocatively discusses the "new" religion which, he feels, neglects the essentials of "our great Hebrew-Christian heritage."

YP *Mehdevi, Mrs. A.S. From pillar to post. Knopf. $3.75.
RH Now the mother of three, the author of Persian adventure engagingly recounts further experiences in "unexpected corners of the world", including Mexico, Austria and Majorca. Drawings. Five chapters appeared in The New Yorker. 910.4

PR *Patten, David. Three sides to the sea; memories of a S'cunnet child-
H hood. Rinehart. $3.50.
Delightfully recalls the author's summers on his grandfather's prosperous Rhode Island poultry farm at the turn of the century, contrasting the native Pilgrim descendants with the newly arrived Portuguese who gradually acquired control of the land. Maps, drawings. 917.45

YP Qureshi, I.H. The Pakistani way of life. Praeger. $4.
R Slim, authoritative volume on the customs, problems and progress of the author's native land. Photographs, statistical tables, Appendix, bibliography, index. 915.47

Y *Sanders, Mrs. M.K. The lady and the vote. Houghton. $2.95.
Active in Democratic circles since 1952, the author astutely "sorts out" various types of party workers in this informal, witty political handbook. Drawings. 396.9

YP Seldes, G.V. The public arts. Simon & Schuster. $3.95.
R Lively, critical analysis of the impact of mass communications on the U.S. today, brilliantly tracing their evolution from the movies to cinemascope and from radio to television, with penetrating comments on prominent men and women in these fields. 791.4

YP *Senet, Andre. Man in search of his ancestors; the romance of paleon-
RH tology; tr. from the French. McGraw-Hill. $5.50.
Fascinating history of man's efforts to find the origins of life. Photographs, drawings, charts. Index. 573.3
In search of Adam; the story of man's quest for the truth about his earliest ancestors, by Herbert Wendt (Houghton. $6.50. 573.3) is a popular account of the achievements and discoveries of prehistory. Photographs, drawings. Index. 573.3

YP *Stark, Mrs. Phyllis. I chose a parson. Oxford Univ. $3.50.
RH After college the author married a young Episcopalian clergyman and here informally describes family life in various parishes from rural Minnesota to Newark, N.J. where her husband is now Bishop Coadjutor of that diocese. Drawings. 253.2

Strickland, F.C. The technique of acting. McGraw-Hill. $5.95.
The cofounder of the Berkshire Playhouse, who is now teaching and directing at Stanford University, explains to both professional and amateur the techniques to be learned from a series of suggested exercises and their practice. Photographs. Indexes. 792.92

YP *Tharp, Mrs. L.H. Three saints and a sinner; Julia Ward Howe, Louisa,
RH Annie and Sam Ward. Little. $5.
Absorbing collective biography of the Ward sisters and their attractive, unpredictable brother, providing an authentic picture of late 19th century notables in New York and Boston. Photographs. Notes, index. B or 92

YP *Thomson, A.A.M. Highland welcome. Roy. $4.
RH Baffled by the request to guide an unknown American coed through his native country, a Scotsman enlisted the aid of a young Edinburgh

law student and this is the entertaining, informing narration of the gay trio's ten-day tour. Photographs. Index. 914.1

Y Thorp, Mrs. M.F. Neilson of Smith. Oxford Univ. $7.
From public and private records and personal association, a former faculty member draws an affectionate portrait of the wise administrator of the college from 1917-39. Photographs.Appendix, index. B or 92

YP *Waldhorn, Arthur. A concise dictionary of the American language.
RH Philosophical Lib. $4.50.
Helpful selection of Americanisms, including both native words and those of English origin, giving dates, derivations and the level of usage. Bibliography. R427.9

YP *Warren, R.P. Segregation; the inner conflict in the South. Random
R House. $1.95.
The noted author's unbiased, provocative "report of conversations" with Negroes and white people of all classes during a recent tour of the Southern states. Appeared in part in Life magazine. 323

YP *Windsor, W.W. duchess of. The heart has its reasons. McKay. $5.
RH With candor and restraint, "the memoirs of the Duchess of Windsor" (subtitle) tell of her childhood in Baltimore, later years and world-renowned romance with Britain's former King. Partially serialized in McCall's. Photographs. Index. B or 92

Fiction

YP *Bryher, pseud. Beowulf. Pantheon. $2.75.
RH Civilian reaction to the daily fears and frustrations of the London blitz is skilfully conveyed in an appealing novel set in a neighborhood teashop, whose mascot, a huge plaster bulldog, "Beowulf", symbolizes the indomitable spirit of the people in wartime.

PR Carstens, Mrs. Grace. Harvest on the shore. Macmillan. $3.50.
H With candor, taste and flavorful turn of phrase, Nora Cameron tells of her coming to Cape Cod with her artist-father and of her love for independent, native Justin Dodd, who becomes the big man of the village while she devotes herself to painting.

*Daniels, L.C. Caleb, my son. Lippincott. $2.75.
The impact of desegregation upon a respected Southern Negro family and the tragic effect of a son's rebellion against injustice are portrayed in this restrained but moving novelette.

Godden, Jon. The seven islands. Knopf. $3.
On an island in the river Ganges lived a holy man, a Sadhu, and how he protected the birds and beasts of the region from the encroachment of man is related with great artistry in an ironic, short novel.

Hulme, K.C. The nun's story. Little. $4.
How Sister Luke, a Belgian doctor's daughter, struggles against wordly pride as a nurse in a mental hospital and at a Congo mission is the substance of a compassionate story, distinguished by its realism and compelling insight.

PR *MacKinnon, Mrs. M.L. One small candle. Crown. $3.50.
Poignant novel of Irish immigrant farmers of upper New York State in the late 1880s sensitively told by a crippled woman of 50 who has been an understanding witness of the changing relationship between brooding Dennis Casey and his gay, lovely second wife.

YP *Mishima, Yukio, pseud. The sound of waves; tr. by Meredith Weatherby.
RH Knopf. $3.
Written with classic simplicity, this appealing, idyllic tale of first love, told against the background of a beautiful Japanese island, centers in a young fisherman and a shipowner's daughter.

*Moore, Ruth. Speak to the winds. Morrow. $3.50.
Chin Island, off the Maine coast, is the setting of an authentic, flavorsome narrative of a smoldering feud among sharply drawn folk of a small, ingrown community.

YP *Norway, N.S.(Nevil Shute, pseud.)Beyond the black stump. Morrow.$3.75.
R When Stanton Laird, a young American geologist, brings West Australian Mollie home to Oregon on a visit, this attractive, modern novel discloses his realization of his true love. For mature young people.

YP *O'Hara, John. A family party. Random House. $1.95.
RH In an informal address by his best friend at a memorial dinner, the life story of a humanitarian doctor in a typical American community is pleasingly revealed. Reprinted from Collier's.

YP Shellabarger, Samuel. Tolbecken. Little. $3.95.
R Spanning the years 1898-1920, this posthumously published, finely spun chronicle centers on distinguished Judge Tolbecken and his grandson's efforts to adjust himself.

YP Smith, Mrs. D.E.J. Beyond the gates. Dutton. $3.50.
RH Tender story of homely, little Lydia who timidly leaves the Mary Clitheroe Orphange in 1920 to find a home and her life work taking care of a large Yorkshire house and the Howard clan for two decades.

YP *Thompson, Mrs. Ariadne. The octagonal heart. Bobbs-Merrill. $3.50.
RH Fictionized reminiscences about summers spent at a lovely octagonally shaped house in suburban St. Louis where the author grew up with four older cousins under the influence of Greek and American cultures.

Van Druten, John. The vicarious years. Scribner. $3.
The emergence of insecure Teddy Attridge, native Londoner, into an older Edward who has learned to trust his own observations is related in a perceptive autobiographical novel. Sophisticated.

YP *Whitney, P.A. The trembling hills. Appleton. $3.75.
R San Francisco at the time of the 1906 earthquake is the setting for a slight but compelling romance in which young Sara Jerome discovers the truth about her deceased father from her forbidding great-aunt.

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NEW WESTERNS AND MYSTERIES, a book list prepared by the James Prendergast Free Library, Jamestown, New York, is available on request.

Do Not Overlook:

Alexandra,queen of Yugoslavia. For love of a king. Doubleday. $5. B or 92
Ashton, Helen. The half-crown house. Dodd. $3.50. Fic
Barnhart, C.L., & Halsey, W.D., eds. The New Century handbook of English literature. Appleton. $12. R820
Belden, T.G. & Belden, M.R. So fell the angels. Little. $5. B or 92
Brown, D.C. Journey from the Arctic. Knopf. $4.50. 914.8
Buckmaster, Henrietta, pseud. And walk in love; a novel based on the life of the apostle Paul. Random House. $3.95. Fic
Caldwell, John. Family at sea. Little. $4.50. 910.45
Coles, Manning, pseud. The far traveller. Doubleday. $3. Fic
Crankshaw,Edward. Gestapo,instrument of tyranny. Viking. $3.75. 943.086
Cutright, P.R. Theodore Roosevelt,the naturalist. Harper. $4. B or 92
Elder, Donald. Ring Lardner; a biography. Doubleday. $4.75. B or 92
Fenwick, Elizabeth. Days of plenty. Harcourt. $3.50. Fic
Forester, C.S. The age of fighting sail; the story of the naval War of 1812. (Mainstream of America ser.) Doubleday. $5. 973.52
Gipson, F.B. Old Yeller. Harper. $2.75. Fic
Graves, Robert. The crowning privilege; collected essays on poetry. Doubleday. $5. 821.004
Green, C.M. Eli Whitney and the birth of American technology; ed. by Oscar Handlin. Little. $3.50. B or 92
Horne, Alistair. Return to power; a report on the new Germany. Praeger. $6. 943.087
Hubbard, Bela. Political and economic structures. Caxton. $4. 321
Hunt, Frazier. The tragic days of Billy the Kid. Hastings. $5. B or 92
Jacobson, Dan. A dance in the sun. Harcourt. $3.50. Fic
Kaneko, Hisakazu. Manjiro, the man who discovered America. Houghton. $2.75. B or 92
Lindeman, E.C. The democratic man. Beacon. $5. 308.1
Lockhart, Sir R.H.B. Your England. Putnam. $4. 914.2
Lockwood, C.A. & Adamson, H.C. Zoomies, subs and zeros. Greenberg. $3.95. 940.54
Lofts, Mrs N.R. Afternoon of an autocrat. Doubleday. $3.95. Fic
Low, Sir Francis. Struggle for Asia. Praeger. $3.50. 950
Macartney, C.E.N. Mr. Lincoln's admirals. Funk. $5. 973.75
Mardikian, G.M. Song of America. McGraw-Hill. $4.50. B or 92
Mercer, B.E. The American community. Random House. $5. 323.35
Perkins, Mrs E.E. Eve among the Puritans; a biography of Lucy Fitch Perkins. Houghton. $3.50. B or 92
Pfeiffer, John. The changing universe; the story of the new astronomy. Random House. $4.75. 522.2
Schacht, H.H.G. Confessions of "the Old Wizard." Houghton. $5.50. B or 92
Schofield, W.G. Seek for a hero; the story of John Boyle O'Reilly. Kenedy. $3.95. B or 92
Schwarz, L.W., ed. Feast of Leviathan; tales of adventure, faith and love from Jewish literature. Rinehart. $4.95. 808.83
Smith, Emma, pseud. A Cornish waif's story. Dutton. $3. B or 92
Sullivan, A.M. The three-dimensional man. Kenedy. $4. 170
Thorpe, H.G. A handweaver's workbook. Macmillan. $4.50. 745.52
Venezis, Ilias. Beyond the Aegean;tr.from the Greek. Vanguard.$3.50. Fic
White, Mrs N.G. A little more than kin. Viking. $3.50. Fic
Winslow, Walker. The Menninger story. Doubleday. $5. B or 92

SOME FALL BOOKS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Suggested by the following committee, under the chairmanship of Mabel B. Bell, Children's Librarian, Countee Cullen Branch, New York Public Library, who prepared PICTURE STORY BOOKS; Priscilla Morton, Children Specialist, Manhattan Regional Office, New York Public Library and Mabel B. Bell: FOR MIDDLE AGE GROUP; Harriet Rosenfield, Young Adult Division, Brooklyn Public Library: CURRENT BOOKS FOR TEEN-AGERS.

PICTURE STORY BOOKS

Alexander, Anne. ABC of cars and trucks; illus. by Ninon. Doubleday, 1956. $2.50.
This gaily colored rhythmic alphabet book will delight small children from "A is for Auto trailers to Z is the Z in Zonetruck."

Brown, Marcia. Flying carpet; illus. by the author. Scribner, 1956. $3.
In this episode from the Arabian Nights, Miss Brown, winner of a Caldecott award, has caught the spirit of the Orient in striking pictures and simple text.

Cameron, Polly. The cat who thought he was a tiger. Coward, 1956. $2.
A whimsical tale about a tiger-like kitten who runs away to the circus. At the circus he meets a real tiger and returns happily home to his cat family. Modern tawny and black illustrations add interest to the book.

Dalgliesh, Alice. Fourth of July story; illus. by M. Nonnast. Scribner, 1956. $2.75.
A simply told, well-illustrated picture story of the historical events centered on the Declaration of Independence. Companion volume to The Columbus story and The Thanksgiving story.

Ets, Marie Hall. Mister Penny's race horse. Viking, 1956. $2.
This sequel to Mr. Penny is as witty and full of good humor as the original story.

Ilsley, Velma. The pink hat. Lippincott, 1956. $2.
Here in rhymes and pink illustrations is a lesson in neatness. A little girl gets the pink hat she dreams of only to lose it through carelessness. Attractively decorated in pink and rose-colored pictures.

Krauss, Ruth. I want to paint my bathroom blue; illus. by Maurice Sendak. Harper, 1956. $2.50.
A sensitive picture story of how a little boy made a perfect house. Profusely illustrated in soft colors. For the imaginative child.

Lenski, Lois. Big little Davy. Oxford, 1956. $1.50.
Story of little Davy from babyhood to school age. Children love these easy-to-handle Davy titles. Similar in format to others.

Liang, Yen. Pot bank; illus. by the author. Lippincott, 1956. $2.
More adventures of Dee-Dee. This time at a Chinese Fair, where she and her baby brother spent money saved in a "Piggy Bank." Action drawings in warm browns and blues depicting acrobats, dancers, singers, etc. make a handsome book.

MacGregor, Ellen. Mr. Ferguson of the fire department; illus. by Paul Galdone. Whittlesey House, 1956. $2.
An imaginative tale of how the pole got into the fire house. Jovial red and yellow pictures complement the text.

Rey, H. A. See the circus. Houghton, 1956. $1.
A trick book similar in format to Feed the animals and Anybody at home by the same author. Weak binding but important because of subject and colorful pictures.

Rand, Ann and Paul. I know a lot of things. Harcourt, 1956. $2.75.
"I know when I look in a mirror what I see is me." From this lilting rhyme to the very end this delightfully original picture book will entrance children. Unusual pictures in four colors.

Titus, Eve. Anatole; illus. by Paul Galdone. Whittlesey House, 1956. $2.50. (Special library ed.) Cloth, $2.
This amusing and colorful picture book tells the story of a French mouse and his job in a cheese factory.

FOR MIDDLE AGE GROUP

Allen, Merritt Parmelee. Blow, bugles, blow. Longmans, 1956. $3.
A dramatic yet sympathetic picture of life in Sheridan's army during the last two years of the Civil War.

Angell, Polly. Andy Jackson: long journey to the White House; illus. by Leonard Vosburgh. Aladdin Books, 1956. $1.75.
An interesting account of the time of Andrew Jackson. Not too much biographical information on the man.

Antonacci, Robert. Baseball for young champions. Whittlesey House, 1956. $2.75.
Clear, explicit directions for playing baseball. Profusely illustrated with diagrams, etc. explaining text.

Darling, Louis. Penguins; illus. by the author. Morrow, 1956. $2.
An attractive book about the habits of these fascinating birds. Similar in readability and appearance to Seals and walruses by this author.

Cameron, Eleanor. Stowaway to the mushroom planet; illus. by R. Henneberger. Little, 1956. $2.75.
Once again young science fiction readers are taken to that magical mushroom planet. This time it is just as much fun as before. Full of interesting pictures.

Chute, Marchette. Stories from Shakespeare. World, 1956. $3.75.

Wonderful retelling of 36 plays from the 1st folio. Written for today's youth.

Credle, Ellis. Big doin's on Razorback Ridge; illus. by the author. Nelson, 1956. $2.75.
The completion of a government-sponsored dam is the occasion for the celebration in this section of the Blue Ridge Mountains. In text and appropriate drawings the author has skilfully blended the old and new way of life among these mountain folk.

Dilliard, Maud Esther. Ahoy, Peggy Stewart! illus. by L. F. Bjorklund. Dutton, 1956. $2.50.
Dramatic story of a real incident, the burning of Peggy Stewart at Annapolis, Maryland. Believable characters and interpretative line drawings make this an excellent supplement to the causes of the War of Independence.

Godden, Rumer. Fairy doll; illus. by Adrienne Adams. Viking, 1956. $2.50.
A gifted storyteller in poetic language spins the tale of the fairy doll who adorns the top of the Christmas tree and how she influences the life of a little girl. Good for reading aloud or telling. Soft coral and blue-grey illustrations go perfectly with text. Reprinted from The Ladies' Home Journal.

Goudey, Alice. Here come the whales; pictures by Garry MacKenzie. Scribner, 1956. $2.50.
Similar in scope and format to the author's other book, Here come the elephants. With the same readable text and interesting information.

Haywood, Carolyn. Betsy's busy summer. Morrow, 1956. $2.95.
A very funny book filled with amusing situations. Betsy and her friend could devise. Children will chuckle over the watermelon party and frying eggs on the sidewalk.

Kapp, Paul. A cat came fiddling, and other rhymes of childhood. Pictures by Irene Haas. Introd. by Burl Ives. Harcourt, 1956. $3.
A music book for the entire family with 57 nonsense and nursery rhymes decorated with lively illustrations.

Komroff, Manuel. Mozart. Knopf, 1956. $3.
Authentic biography, sympathetically told of this great musician.

Lattimore, Eleanor Frances. Little Pear and the rabbits. Morrow, 1956. $2.50.
Same appealing Little Pear, just a bit older, wiser and more mischievous.

McClung, Robert. Green darner. Morrow, 1956. $2.
The life cycle of a dragon fly is told in clear, simple text and attractive pictures.

McEwen, Catherine Schaefer. Away we go; 100 poems for the very young; illus. by Barbara Cooney. Crowell, 1956. $2.50.
Excellent, attractive anthology of poetry under seven groupings from

contemporary poets. A good index makes this a useful additon to the poetry shelf.

Petersham, Maud and Miska. The silver mace; a story of Williamsburg. Macmillan, 1956. $2.25.
A distinguished book with the well-known illustrations of these gifted artists vividly depicting every phase of life in colonial Virginia.

Read, Herbert. This way delight; illus. by Juliet Kepes. Pantheon, 1956. $3.50.
An unusual collection of poetry for the entire family. Includes the works of such famous poets as Eliot, Kipling, Dickinson, etc. Distinguished by many captivating pictures.

CURRENT BOOKS FOR TEEN-AGERS

Bowles, Cynthia. At home in India. Harcourt, 1956. $3.
India comes alive through the perceptive eyes of the American ambassador's teen-age daughter.

Coombs, Charles. Survival in the sky. Morrow, 1956. $3.75.
Photographs of actual tests illustrate the experiments to determine if man can withstand the rigors and violent changes of supersonic flight.

Dooley, Thomas. Deliver us from evil. Farrar, 1956. $3.50.
A courageous U. S. Navy doctor aids thousands of Indo-Chinese victims of Communist aggression.

Eaton, Jeanette. The story of Eleanor Roosevelt. Morrow, 1956. $3.95.
A delightful biography of the girl who grew up to become First Lady of the United States and the world.

Elliott, Bruce. The best in magic. Harper, 1956. $3.50.
Sleights of hand, mind reading and rope tricks are just a few of the 100 new feats in this attractive book.

Engeman, Jack. Annapolis. West Point. Lothrop, 1956. $3.50.
Pictorial presentation of life at the service academies from admission to graduation.

Ley, Willy and Wernher von Braun. The exploration of Mars. Viking, 1956. $4.95.
Interested in travel? Get aboard the first rocket ship to Mars.

Lord, Walter. A night to remember. Holt, 1956. $3.50.
The great ship "Titanic" comes alive again in this minute-by-minute account of her last tragic hours.

McCallum, John. The Tiger wore spikes. Barnes, 1956. $3.95.
For 24 exciting years Ty Cobb set baseball records that have never been beaten.

Malvern, Gladys. Stephanie. Macrae, 1956. $2.75.

Aided by her Aunt Josephine, a young French girl rises to become a favorite at Napoleon's court.

Noble, Iris. Nellie Bly, first woman reporter. Messner, 1956. $2.95.
America's first woman journalist risked her life and reputation to uncover corruption and injustice.

Proske, Roman. Lions, tigers and me. Holt, 1956. $3.95.
Feats of derring-do are second nature for this great trainer of wild animals.

Schoor, Gene. The Pee Wee Reese story. Messner, 1956. $2.95.
From marbles champion to the captain of the Dodgers, the colorful career of a great baseball player.

Sherburne, Zoa. Almost April. Morrow, 1956. $2.75.
Karen's own romance helps her to accept her father's second marriage.

Stolz, Mary. The day and the way we met. Harper, 1956. $2.50.
In this sequel to Ready or not, 16-year-old Julie -- now that her older sister is married -- must hold the family together.

Summers, James. Trouble on the run. Westminster, 1956. $2.75.
Roger is a failure in track and with women until Margery shows him how to be a hero.

Wibberley, Leonard. The life of Winston Churchill. Ariel, 1956. $3.
The exciting "never-a-dull-moment" life of Britain's wartime leader, with special emphasis on his boyhood and early career.

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CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK, November 25-December 1

"It's Always Book Time!"

Attractive Book Week aids for 1956 include: a poster in six colors by Leonard Weisgard, full-color bookmarks, a Book Week streamer, a Book Puzzle Pad and two new books, How to run a book fair, by Dorothy L. McFadden, 60¢, and How a book is made, by Ray Freiman, $2. These and other materials are available from the Children's Book Council, 50 West 53 Street, New York 19. Send for free descriptive 1956 Manual of Book Week Aids.

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INTERESTED IN A TRAVELING LIBRARY FOR BOOK WEEK?

Would you like to borrow some recent children's books to brighten up your library for Book Week? If so, write Traveling Libraries, New York State Library, Albany 1, and make arrangements now for some shiny new titles for display during this very special Week.

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Gavian, R.W. Understanding juvenile delinquency. (Oxford social studies pamphlets) Oxford Book Company, 222 Fourth Ave., New York 3. 1956. 74p. 50¢.

Hogan, Ben and others. The complete guide to golf. Maco Magazine Corporation, 480 Lexington Ave., New York 17. 1955. 144p. 75¢.

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Kaempffert, Waldemar. The many uses of the atom. (Headline series no. 117). Foreign Policy Association, Inc., 345 E. 46th St., New York 17. May 20, 1956. 62p. 35¢.

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The voter's guide; a handy pocket dictionary of political terms and definitions... National Research Bureau. Chicago, Ill. 1956. 35p. 15¢.

Williams, I.G. The American vice-presidency: new look. (Doubleday short studies in political science) Address: College Department, Doubleday & Company, Inc. 575 Madison Ave., New York 22. 1954. 82p. $1.

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Forbush, Bliss. Elias Hicks, Quaker liberal. New York, Columbia Univ. Press, 1956. 355p. 289.673 Zh63f

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De Voe, Merrill. Effective self-management in selling. Englewood Cliffs, N.J., Prentice-Hall, 1956. 210p 658.85 D498

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Hamberg, Daniel. Economic growth and instability. New York, Norton [1956] 340p. 339 H199

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Boyle, W.P. Central and flexible staging; a new theater in the making. Berkeley, Univ. of California Press, 1956. 117p. 792.92 B792

Brings, L.M. comp. Master stunt book; a collection of short skits, sketches, entertainments, stunts, games, pantomimes, blackouts and novelty bits. Minneapolis, Denison [1956] 431p. 793 B858

FINLAND, PAKISTAN, ISRAEL AND ASIA

Crescent and green; a miscellany of writings on Pakistan. New York, Philosophical Library [1956] 170p. 954.7 C919

Davis, Moshe, ed. Israel: its role in civilization. New York, Seminary Israel Institute of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America; distributed by Harper [1956] 338p. 956.94 D263

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___ Waxing vegetables by J. D. Hartman and F. M. Isenberg. (1956) 14p. (Cornell extension bulletin 965)

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For Your Information

GENERAL NEWS

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You Are Invited

The Commissioner of Education's Committee on Public Library Service and the Library Extension Division invite the thinking of trustees, librarians and friends of the library at the NYLA Conference in New York City, October 18-20 on Federal Aid, county and multi-county library systems. Won't you plan to meet with them? The Library Extension Division has arranged for a conference room at the Hotel New Yorker for this purpose. Trustees are especially urged to attend the convention for the open meeting of the Trustees Foundation on Friday, October 19, will be devoted to progress reports and a discussion of the work of the Commissioner's Committee.

NYLA Notes: Representatives from municipal civil service, school district civil service and the state retirement system have been invited to share the Library Extension Division's consultation space at the NYLA Conference. -- "Books and Bricks", the role of librarian and architect, is the theme of NYLA's first general session. At the second general session, the M. Tompkins memorial lecture, "Democracy of Culture," will be given by Lyman Bryson. -- Caldecott packets from ALA will be available for purchase during the Conference.

"The Four Kings of Canada": An exhibition, "The Four Kings of Canada," in which The New York State Library, State Museum and Albany Institute of History and Art joined, was opened officially at a ceremony in the rotunda of the State Library on September 19 and will remain on view through the month of October. The event commemorates the visit of four Iroquois Indian sachems to the Court of Queen Anne at London, 1710. At that time Colonel Peter Schuyler, then mayor of Albany, arranged the visit in order to impress upon the Indians the advantages of an alliance with the British crown against the French and also to encourage the Indians to bring their furs to Albany for sale. Dr. Gosnell served as master of ceremonies. Commissioner Allen spoke briefly and introduced Governor Harriman who commented on the historical importance of the display. Dr. William Fenton, Director of the State Museum and Science Service, introduced three Mohawk Indian Councillors from the Six Nations Reservation at Brantford, Ontario, Clifford F. Styles, Joseph F. Hill and George Buck or Chief Splitwater, who were accompanied by Rev. William J. Zimmerman of St. Paul's Episcopal Chapel. They brought with them a silver communion service given by Queen Anne to the Mohawk Indians and still used at the chapel. It is displayed

in the State Museum next to a silver communion service given by Queen Anne to the Onondaga Indians, now belonging to St. Peter's Church of Albany. Exhibited in the State Museum are Indian artifacts and war clubs, loaned by the Musee de l'homme of Paris, the Ashmolean Museum at Oxford and the Museum of the City of New York. Also on loan are: from the New York Historical Society, a vase presented by Queen Anne to Peter Schuyler and broadsides printed in honor of the visit; from the Albany Institute of History and Art, the Lens mezzotint portraits of the "four kings" and the original letter of introduction of the "four kings" to the Queen; from the City of Albany, a portrait of Peter Schuyler. Broadsides, manuscripts and books, including the original edition of "The Four Kings of Canada," loaned by Mrs. Henry Manning Sage, are included in the exhibition. Under the chairmanship of Dr. Fenton, the committee on arrangements was composed of Dr. Gosnell, Mason Tolman, Victor H. Cahalane, Charles Gillette, Janet MacFarlane, Dr. Robert W.G. Vail and the Reverend Laman H. Bruner.

Staff Briefs: Dr. Gosnell and Irving Verschoor attended the Regional Conference in Washington, D.C., September 20-22, sponsored by the U.S. Commissioner of Education to study the Library Services Act in its practical application to rural areas of the States. -- Dr. Gosnell is the subject of "Library Outline," the Interlaken Mills unique advertising page, in the September 1, 1956 Library Journal. -- Jean L. Connor is the author of an article, "Federated Systems Increase in New York State," Library Journal, July, 1956. -- Marion H. Vedder, Chairman of NYLA's Committee on Institution Libraries, attended the Congress of Correction in Los Angeles, August 26-31, where representatives from the 48 states and foreign countries met to consider the direction correctional treatment should take during the next decade. One of the prison wardens spoke on the significance of library programs in correctional institutions from the viewpoint of administration and custody. -- Nancy Stirling was reelected treasurer of the Association of Law Libraries of New York State at its second annual meeting at Cornell Law School, Ithaca, September 7-8. Dr. Gosnell addressed the second session. Ernest H. Breuer, New York State Law Librarian, reported on visits to law libraries of the State and other activities. Lewis W. Morse, Cornell Law School Library, was elected president for the coming year. -- I. Marie Gustafson helped the Cobleskill Public Library man a booth at the Cobleskill Fair, September 11-15.

L. Marion Moshier Award: Staff members of the State Library are initiating an award in honor of Miss Moshier's distinguished service to the libraries of New York State, to be presented for the first time at NYLA this year. NYLA is cooperating by designating the County Library Development Committee, Mrs. Thelma King, Chairman, to select the candidate.

"Weeks" and "Days": National Newspaper Week will be observed October 1-8. This Week is of great interest to librarians because of their joint responsibilities with editors in the "freedom to read" area. -- Columbus Day, October 12, will stress this year the historic ties binding together the U.S. and the 20 Latin American Republics in a united expression of friendship and goodwill. -- United Nations Day, October 24, provides the occasion for public libraries to stress books and pamphlets dealing with the UN. For this material write to: US Committee for the UN, 816 21 Street, NW., Washington 6, D.C.

Free Material on National Issues: A plan has been worked out with the American Assembly of Columbia University whereby single copies of their publications will be sent without charge to interested public libraries. The American Assembly was founded in 1950 by Dwight D. Eisenhower, as President of Columbia University, on the premise that free citizens in a democracy could make up their own minds on public questions if they had access to unbiased facts. The Assembly arranges meetings on important national issues and invites authorities and prominent citizens to these. Three items are still available: 1. Inflation: its causes, consequences, and cures (a 5½x8½ inch, 24-page cartoon booklet, May 1952); 2. The forty-eight states: their task as policy makers and administrators (a 145-page, 8x11 soft-covered book, October 1955); 3. The representation of the United States abroad (a 217-page, 6x9 soft-covered book, May 1956).

Know-Your-Library Month: This is the kick-off event of the General Federation of Women's Clubs for November. The annual Book Week dates, November 25-December 1, will make a suitable climax for the Month. Write to the Library Extension Division for suggestion sheets for the observance.

Workshops: One for Institution Libraries was held at St. Lawrence University, July 22-27, in which Miss Vedder participated. Projects to be developed during the year were considered. — Another workshop was held September 25 for new library administrators in Nassau County, jointly sponsored by the Library Extension Division and the NCLA. Performance budgets, legal problems, building planning techniques, etc. were discussed under the direction of Wilfred L. Morin and Gilmore Aarestad, President of NCLA.

TV and the Great Books: On September 13 the Schenectady County Public Library initiated a 12-week series, "Let's Think for Ourselves" to be given over WRGB Thursdays 10:30-11 a.m. as part of "TV Schooltime," sponsored by the Mohawk Council on Educational Television.

ALA Notes: "Register, Inform Yourself, and Vote": Once again ALA is cooperating with 100 other national organizations in the 1956 elections and urges librarians to use their resources for this essential information job. Posters are being distributed to libraries in towns of 10,000 and over; other libraries may obtain them from the American Heritage Foundation, 11 West 42 Street, New York 36. — Ulveling Receives Award: Ralph A. Ulveling, director of the Detroit Public Library, received the $500 Joseph W. Lippincott Award for distinguished librarianship at the conference in Miami Beach. — Elections: Mrs. Grace T. Stevenson, associate executive secretary of ALA, as president-elect of the Adult Education Association of the U.S.; Lucile M. Morsch, deputy chief assistant librarian of the Library of Congress, as vice-president and president-elect of ALA; Harold F. Brigham, Indiana State Library, second vice-president; Richard B. Sealock, Kansas City, treasurer. — Booklist and Subscription Books Bulletin Merge: As of September 1, these valuable publications merged, the subscription price, $6 for 23 issues.

With deep sorrow we note the death of former Commissioner Frank P. Graves on September 13. Dr. Graves was Commissioner of Education for 19 years.

LOCAL ACTIVITIES

Edited by Jean L. Connor and I. Marie Gustafson, Library Extension

Albany. Return to a full-time operating schedule for the Albany Public Library is now seen possible as a result of new salary schedules for library employes. Employes received a $400 a year increase September 1. Library trustees will work out a new salary schedule to go into effect January 1, 1957.

Dutchess. Trustees of the Hyde Park Free Library will sponsor a library workshop for Dutchess County public librarians, October 5 and 6. I. Marie Gustafson will conduct the workshop which will be on the care of the book collection.

Livingston. Starting September 4, each new adult borrower receives a county library borrower's card at his local library which entitles him to borrow books from any library in the Livingston County Public Library System. — A preview of the special rotating book collection of the Livingston County Public Library was given at the Caledonia Fair.

Monroe. The Program Committee of Friends of the Rochester Public Library is sponsoring a ten-week series of book reviews to be held at the main library Tuesday noons beginning October 2. Dr. John Romano is opening the series with a review of "The Menninger Story" by Walker Winslow. — Rochester Public Library reports delivery of its new bookmobile.

Nassau. A large group filled to capacity the new Massapequa Public Library building at the dedication ceremonies September 12, 1956. Dr. Gosnell gave the address of the evening. Wilfred L. Morin, Public Library Consultant, also attended. The building was approved by the voters of UFSD #23, Massapequa and Massapequa Park on June 7, 1955, when a bond issue for $225,000 was passed. George Dippell of Massapequa was the architect. There is a large children's department with an outdoor reading garden. The adult division has a smoking lounge, listening tables and a reference section. A Teen-Age alcove is at one end of the Reading Room. The building is contemporary in style. — The Nassau County Library Association presented an exhibit of what the libraries in the county are doing at the Mineola State Fair, September 8-15. In addition to photographs of the work of the various libraries, volunteer librarians manned the booth and gave out information about library work as a career. Thousands of visitors to the Fair stopped to see the exhibit.

New York. The monumental task of expanding The New York Public Library's 9,000,000 card public catalog from 6,400 to 9,000 file trays, without interruption of service to readers, was concluded this summer according to Rutherford D. Rogers, Chief of the library's Reference Department. — Margaret Wehler, Assistant Chief of the Circulation Department of The New York Public Library, concluded a 29-year library career in August. Harriet E. Kemp, formerly Richmond Regional Librarian, has been named to succeed Miss Wehler. — John Cotton Dana, who revolutionized the concept of librarianship in this country, has been honored with an exhibition in The New York Public Library.

Onondaga. This year Skaneateles Library is celebrating its 150th anniversary. Mrs. Belle Waterman, librarian, prepared a brief history of the library for the Skaneateles Press.

Rockland. The Kings Daughters Public Library, Haverstraw, ravaged by fire which destroyed many of its books earlier this year, has been given a book transfusion of more than 1,000 volumes from the private collection of the Robert Gibson estate.

Schoharie. The Board of Trustees of the Middleburgh Library met in August to receive the report on the new addition. The two rooms are now completed and an "open house" is planned. One room is for the use of children and the other will contain a historical collection. It is hoped that the library will become a center for local history. More books and pamphlets on Schoharie County history are being added as they can be obtained.

Schuyler. The Montour Falls Memorial Library has a new floor and two memorial bookcases.

Steuben. In July the Corning Public Library assisted a women's book club in supplying about 125 books to stock a pilot children's collection in Djakarta, Indonesia, under auspices of the U.S. Information Service Library and native library association officials. — The Corning Public Library has installed Gaylord charging machines, extended the borrowing period to four weeks and has withdrawn the privilege of renewal. New fluorescent lighting has been installed.

Steuben-Yates. A meeting of the county planning committee of the Steuben Library Association on August 10 was attended by representatives from Addison, Bath, Corning, Hammondsport, Hornell, Jasper, Pulteney, Savona, Prattsburgh, Dundee. A tentative county and multi-county plan has been drafted for study by the trustees.

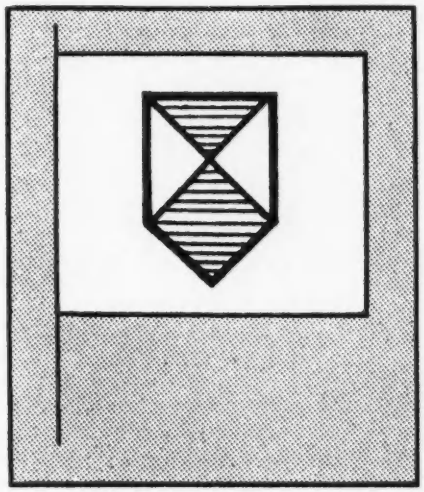
Sullivan. The Delaware Free Library in Callicoon and the Livingston Manor Free Library have moved into new quarters, remodeled fire halls which have been attractively converted for library use.

Tompkins. A meeting of the executive committee of the county planning group met September 24 in Ithaca. Gerald Barry of Groton is chairman.

Ulster. The 29th annual Woodstock Library fair took place July 26 drawing the usual huge crowd. This gala occasion is an important source of income for the library.

Wayne. The Wayne County Library System had an exhibit at the Palmyra Fair, August 14-18. Uniform borrower's identification cards have been issued. Pegboard displayers have been given to member libraries. — The Newark Public Library has a Drive-Up Book Return.

Westchester. Mrs. William P. Osborn has been appointed librarian of the Briarcliff Free Library, Briarcliff Manor, to succeed Mrs. R. M. Hersey who retired after 28 years as librarian. — Katharine M. Holden is now director of the Mount Vernon Public Library, succeeding Alice M. Jewett. Muriel G. Batchelder, formerly chief of the Reference Department, has been promoted to the position of assistant director.



The above new international blue-and-white shield has been designed by the United Nations to protect works of art, monuments, historic buildings, etc, in case of war. Adopted by a special Unesco convention on May 16, 1954, it went into force on August 7, 1956 upon ratification of 5 nations: Burma, Egypt, Mexico, San Marino, and Yugoslavia. (Forty other nations—including U.S.—signed the convention but have not as yet ratified it). This "cultural red-cross symbol" is primarily a flag to be flown over buildings designated for special protection during hostilities, but may also be worn as a shoulder-patch by designated personnel entrusted with their guardianship. Ratifying nations also pledge themselves to build bombproof shelters for housing art and archives, books and manuscripts, etc, and to train special military personnel to protect cultural property, to prevent vandalism, pillage, misappropriation or export of such objects from any territory under occupation.